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April 14, 2022

The Honorable Ken Calvert  
United States House of Representatives  
2205 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515

**RE: Ontario Avenue/Interstate 15 Multimodal Corridor Enhancement Project Letter of Support**

Dear Representative Calvert,

Thank you for providing the Riverside County Transportation Commission (RCTC) the opportunity to comment on the City of Corona's efforts to advance the Ontario Avenue/Interstate 15 Multimodal Corridor Enhancement Project (Project) through the support of Congressional Delegation Community Project Funding under the FY 2023 appropriation process.

We have appreciated working closely with the City of Corona on this effort as evidenced by our inclusion of the projects in the Federal Statewide Transportation Improvements Program, 2021 Federal Transportation Improvement Plan (FTIP), and the 2020 Connect SoCal, Southern California Association of Government's Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy.

The Project (FTIP ID: RIV180102) will provide critical infrastructure supporting other federally funded projects in the region to reduce congestion and increase the reliability of the roadway network. The Interstate 15 Express Lanes Project, completed in 2021, added 30 miles of highway in Riverside County. The Ontario Avenue Widening Project will be a multimodal corridor enhancement connecting directly to this segment of Interstate 15 to transition traffic to the local roadway network with minimal delay.

Positioned at the hub of the three freight corridors (Interstate 15, State Route 71, and State Route 91) and connecting the Ports of Los Angeles, Long Beach, and San Diego with the Southwest regional warehousing complex in California's Inland Empire, the proposed improvements support a highway transportation network handling 10,000 daily truck trips through Corona to destinations throughout the West.

The project will relieve traffic bottlenecks at the interchange as vehicles are competing to get onto and off the freeway, while local traffic and first responders such as police, fire, and ambulances struggle to get through the interchange. The lack of non-standard pedestrian and bicycle facilities also limits the use of alternative transportation modes.

The City of Corona may include this letter in its submission for Congressional Delegation Community Project Funding to demonstrate that there is broad regional support and that the project is consistent with regional plans and benefits from multi-agency collaboration.

We look forward to continuing to work with the city and we appreciate the continued partnership.

Sincerely,

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4080 Lemon Street, Third Floor  
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**RE: City of Corona – Ontario Avenue/Interstate 15 Multimodal Corridor Enhancement Project**

To Whom It May Concern:

As the Representative for California's 58th Assembly District, I write in support of the City of Corona's Ontario Avenue/Interstate 15 Multimodal Corridor Enhancement Project (Project).

The Project will provide a wide range of benefits essential to improving the reliability and safe operation of the corridor, including:

- Enhancing roadway safety east of the Interstate 15 Interchange with a raised median and new traffic signal.
- Increasing accessibility and safety by installing dedicated bicycle lanes, sidewalks, continental crosswalks, and upgraded curb ramps, which are compliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act along Ontario Avenue.
- Alleviating local and regional congestion by providing additional travel lanes, dedicated turn lanes, traffic signal and Intelligent Transportation System (ITS) improvements along Ontario Avenue.
- Increasing the resiliency of the corridor against flooding events with upgrades to the roadway storm water collection system.

The additions of these infrastructure improvements seek to enhance the safety of pedestrians, bikers, and drivers-- while improving connectivity between Corona, Riverside County, and beyond.

Thank you for your consideration. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact my District Office at (951) 371- 6860.

Sincerely,

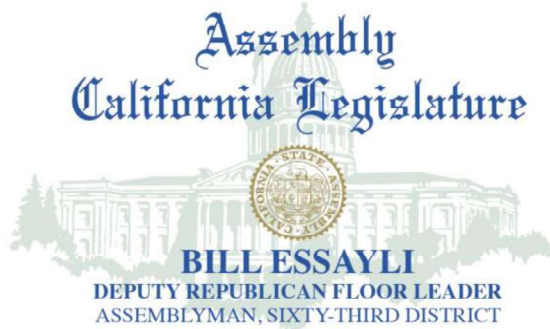
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SABRINA CERVANTES  
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March 30, 2023

Riverside County Transportation Commission  
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Riverside, CA 92502

**Re: City of Corona - Ontario Avenue/Interstate 15 Multimodal Corridor Enhancement Project**

Dear Commissioners,

I would like to offer this letter of support for the City of Corona's **Ontario Avenue/Interstate 15 Multimodal Corridor Enhancement Project**. The Project will provide a wide range of benefits essential to improving the reliability and safe operation of the corridor, including:

- Enhancing roadway safety east of the Interstate 15 Interchange with a raised median and new traffic signal.
- Increasing accessibility and safety by installing dedicated bicycle lanes, sidewalks, continental crosswalks, and upgraded curb ramps, which are compliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act along Ontario Avenue and providing alternatives to driving in the area.
- Alleviating local and regional congestion by providing additional travel lanes, dedicated turn lanes, traffic signal and Intelligent Transportation System (ITS) improvements along Ontario Avenue.
- Improving the reliability of access to the national goods movement network for nearby manufacturing and freight carriers in the City.
- Increasing the resiliency of the corridor against flooding events with upgrades to the roadway storm water collection system.

The additions of these infrastructure improvements seek to enhance the safety of pedestrians, bikers, and drivers, while improving connectivity between Corona, Riverside County, and surrounding cities. For these reasons, I support the City of Corona in its execution of this project. I appreciate your consideration and am enthusiastic about the opportunity to see the benefits for the community and surrounding region.

If you have any questions, please contact my Chief of Staff Shawn Lewis at [Shawn.Lewis@asm.ca.gov](mailto:Shawn.Lewis@asm.ca.gov) or 916-342-9315.

Sincerely,

Bill Essayli  
Assemblyman, District 63